Rustic House for Chickadees, Titmice, & Nuthatches

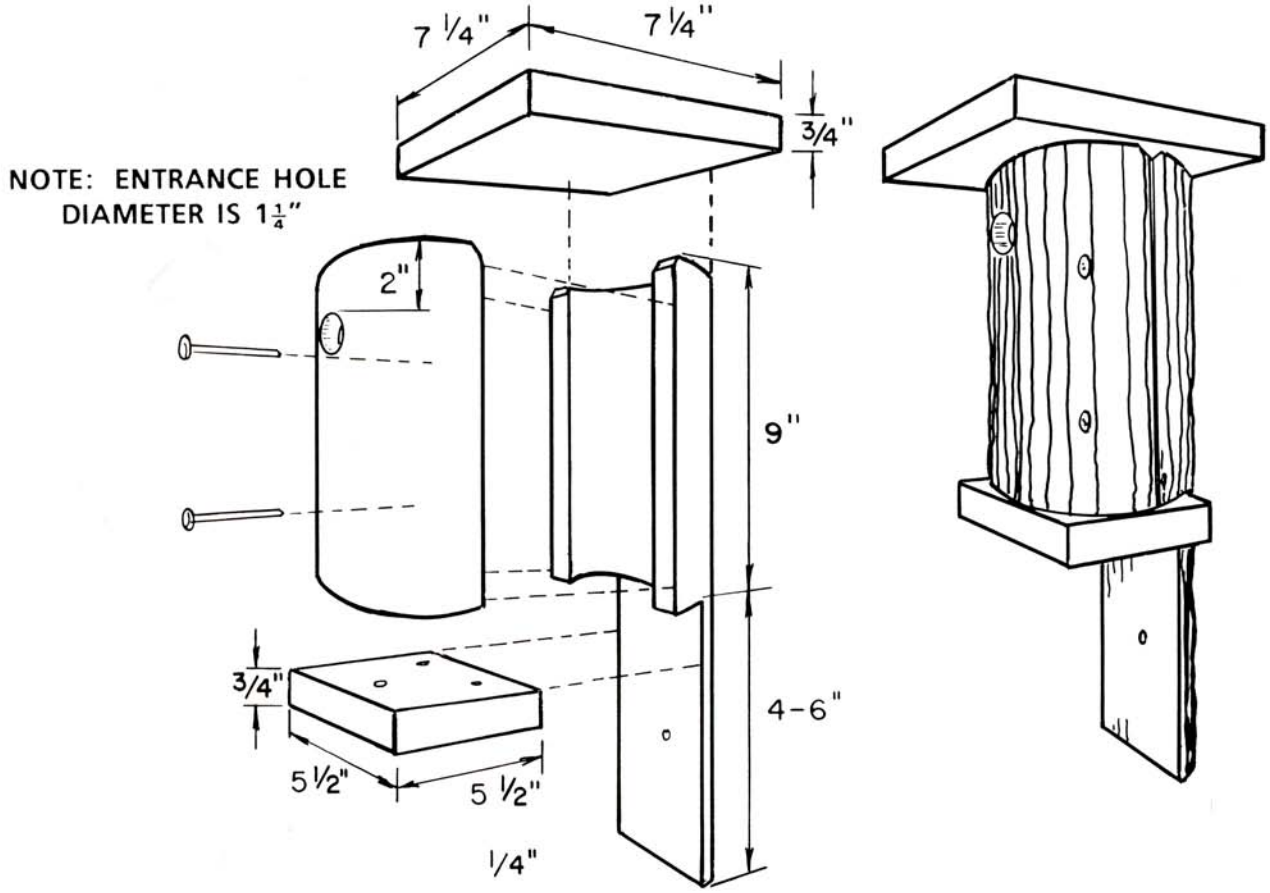
SUPPLIES NEEDED:

1 block 6"X13-16" from a tree trunk or branch (birch, pine, cedar or basswood preferred)
1 piece 1 X 8" X 8" or exterior plywood for roof
1 piece 1 X 6 (about 3/4" X 5-1/2") X 6" or exterior plywood for bottom
8 1-3/4" - 2-1/4" nails. Use 4 for the sides and 4 for the floor.
3 1-1/4" #10 round head wood screws to attach roof
1 1/4" X 2-1/2" lag screw and washer for mounting

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut block to overall length.
2. Split with axe or saw.
3. Cut front half to length.
4. Cut and split part of the back off so part is even with the front half and the remaining portion is about one inch thick.
5. Use hammer or mallet and chisle to split out center, to make a 4 inch diameter tubular hollow.
6. Drill entrance hole and lag screw hole and cut ventilation notches.
7. Nail halves together and attach roof and floor.

Chickadees, titmice and nuthatches are woodland birds, and houses intended for them should be located in wooded situations. These birds also prefer a more natural house, hence the inclusion of this design.



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